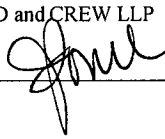


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In response to the **Final Office Action** mailed May 4, 2007 ("Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments, Remarks, and concurrently filed Rule 132 Declarations, and Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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